Utilization of funds under Integrated Programme for older persons

1821. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minsiter of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Programme for Older Persons is being implemented since 1992;

(b) if so, whether significant share of budgetary provisions made for this scheme is hugely under-utilised;

(c) whether during 2006-07, against a budgetary provision of Rs. 26.00 crore only Rs. 13.60 crore has been spent; and

(d) the reasons for non-utilisation of large share of funds for such an important social welfare scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is a demand driven scheme. Grant-in-aid is released to the Organizations subject to completion on certain formalities. During 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 12.53 crores was spent under this scheme. The main reasons for under-utilizaiton of funds is inadequate number of proposals and delayed receipt of recommendations from respective State/U.T. Governments.

Scheme for homeless persons

1822. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homeless people in the country, State-wise;

(b) the schemes being run for their benefit; and

(c) the financial allocations made by the Central Government for them during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) As per Census 2001, the number of homeless in the country, State-wise is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) in the rural areas of all States/UTs (except Delhi & Chandigarh) under which financial assistance is provided to rural BPL household for construction of a house. The Central Allocation made under the scheme during the last three years is as under:

Year	Central Allocation (Rs. in Crore)
2005-06	2732.40
2006-07	2907.53
2007-08	4032.70

The Community Night Shelter Scheme of Ministry of Urban Employment ;and Poverty Alleviation for providing night shelter to urban homeless people has been transferred to the State Sector with effect from 1.4.2005 and no Central allocation is being made.

Statement

The number of homeles people in the country State-wise as per Census 2001

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Houseless population
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	242
2.	Andhra Pradesh	163938
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	442
4.	Assam	13355
5.	Bihar	42498
6.	Chandigarh	2722
7.	Chhattisgarh	28772
8.	Dadra & Nagar haveli	1471
9.	Daman & Diu	1071
10.	Delhi	24966
11.	Goa	5280
12.	Gujarat	220786
13.	Haryana	59360
14.	Himachal Pradesh	8364
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	12751
16.	Jharkhand	10887
17.	Karnataka	102226
18.	Kerala	16533
19.	Madhya Pradesh	231246
20.	Maharashtra	340924
21.	Manipur	2607
22.	Meghalaya	1827
23.	Mizoram	336
24.	Nagaland	2002
25.	orissa	42871
26.	Pondicherry	1662
27.	Punjab	46958
28.	Rajasthan	143497
29.	Sikkim	286

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Houseless population
30.	Tamil Nadu	86472
31.	Tripura	857
32.	Uttar Pradesh	201029
33.	Uttaranchal	14703
34.	West Bengal	110535
	TOTAL	1943476

Decline in utilization of funds for schemes for dalits

1823. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central and State Governments spend crores of rupees for providing loans, training and creating jobs for dalits, but it is observed by the National Institute of Financial Management that most of these agencies have parked their funds in fixed deposits, instead of giving loans to needy dalits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the past decade, the Central Government spending on welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs declined from a tiny 0.005 percentage of the total non-Plan revenue expenditure to 0.004 per cent; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken to increase the spending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) As per beneficiary-wise utilization certificates received from State Channelising Agencies (SCAs), the cumulative utilization of National Scheduled Castes Finance & Develoment Corporation (NSFDC) funds has been 90.05% as on 31.3.2006. As per the lending policy of NSFDC, funds released to SCAs are to be utilized by SCAs within 90 days from the date of release. The funds not utilized by the SCAs within 90 days from the date of release attracts higher rate of interest @ 4% over and above the normal rate of interest for the entire period.

In the Ninth and Tenth Plan period, NSFDC has disbursed funds, Rs. 1366.14 crore as against the equity support of Rs. 246.03 crore during this period.

Schemes for SCs and STs

†1824. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several schemes for welfare of SCs and STs in the country have been implemented by Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.